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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The above-identified U.S. patent application has been allowed with a Notice of Allowance dated September 20, 2007. The issue fee, therefore, must be paid by December 20, 2007.

The above-captioned application corresponds to Japanese Patent Appl. No. 2002-304836. An office action issued in connection with the Japanese application on November 20, 2007. The Japanese Examiner cited two references. One reference cited by the Japanese Examiner is U.S. Patent No. 3,962,395. That reference already was made of record in the above-captioned U.S. application. The other reference cited by the Japanese Examiner is JP 2003-265507. That Japanese reference was not previously made of record in connection with the above-captioned U.S. application.

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies JP 2003-265507. A copy of that reference is attached along with an English language Abstract that explains the relevance of the reference. This Information Disclosure Statement also is accompanied by a copy of the Japanese office action along with a complete English language translation of the office action. The Examiner will note that the first page and a half of the English language translation presents 4 reasons why

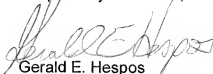
the Examiner is objecting to the Japanese application. These four reasons pertain to formal matters under Japanese law and are not believed to be relevant to the above-captioned U.S. application. The second half of page 2 includes the Japanese Examiner's comments on the perceived relevancy of JP 2003-265507.

It is believed that the allowed claims are patentable over this newly cited references. Nevertheless, the Examiner is requested to consider this reference and to make the reference of record.

It is believed that 37 CFR 1.97(d) applies in view of the timing of this submission. Accordingly, the Examiner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1030 for the \$180.00 fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(p). Additionally, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) the undersigned attorney of record hereby states that the one item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. In fact, this one item of information first was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office roughly three weeks ago and the time since that first citation was spent obtaining the English language translation of the office action.

Please contact applicants attorney at the number below if any further action is required in connection with this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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